

General Orders

APRIL 2023



MEMBERSHIP

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Calling all State, District, and Post Officers to help increase membership this month. Time is running short to achieve 100%!

BUDDY POPPIES

PRICE CHANGE

National has increased the price on Buddy Poppies to \$.30/poppy. This is due to an increase in demand and a decrease in availability. The new Buddy Poppy order form is attached in the back of the General Orders.

AUDIT REPORTS

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Please get your Audit Reports turned in immediately. These are used for All-State Judging and must be accounted for by the IRS.



POST ELECTIONS

Attention is called to Section 217 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office:

Post Officers shall be nominated, elected and installed as prescribed in Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure.

Election Report Reminder

We want you to remember that on the 1st of June if the Commander-In-Chief has not received your Post/District Election Report, your Post/District will be suspended. At that time, the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter to establish a committee to oversee the Post business. All Post business will then need to be overseen by the established committee.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 217, PAGE 72, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

The Post Commander-elect will select the installing officer who holds or has held a rank at least as high as that of Post Commander. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. The installation may be conducted publicly at an open meeting.

An officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or case may be installed at any regular special meeting prior to the Department Convention. In not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant.

**Roster
Changes:
Please contact
the Department
Headquarters of
any changes to
their Posts.**

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JUNE 15 - 18, 2023 IN MITCHELL, SD

Attached at the back of the General Orders are Registration, Lodging, Candidate Hospitality Forms, and information about the State Convention 2023.

All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office, and any others who would like to submit a Convention Ad to the Booklet, please find the information in the back of the General Orders. Have these submitted no later than May 30th, 2023. You can also find this information on the Department website.

www.vfwsd.org

HELP WANTED! The Commander / President Raffle for the 2022-2023 project, Veterans Honored Interment needs you to help sell tickets! After sold, please send them to the Department Office in care of Anna Arnold. If you need more tickets, please call 605-332-7441 and we can send you more.

MEMORIAL DAY

The observance of Memorial Day is the obligation of every Post. According to Section 223 - Commemorative Dates: Each Post shall make arrangements for observances of Memorial Day, see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased members and, if practicable, conduct Memorial Day Services in the cemeteries in its locality.

Peace Officer Day is to be observed on Monday May 15th, 2023.

District Meetings: Spring - Apr 2022

- District #1 - Beresford Library - April 23 at 2 pm CST - Tom Hafner, State Commander
- District #4 - Watertown - April 2 at 2 pm CST - Anna Arnold, Quartermaster & Adjutant
- District #6 - Huron - April 16 at 1 pm CST - Tom Hafner, State Commander
- District #7 - Mitchell - April 2 at 2 pm CST - Tom Hafner, State Commander
- District #10 - Custer - April 16 at 10 am MST - Dave Baumiller, Sr Vice Commander

Delegates at State Convention: Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held **NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS** prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to **ONE** Delegate and **ONE** Alternate for **EACH THIRTY (30)** members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the Election. Review your meeting Date to make sure it is **AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR** to June 9, 2022.



The Department has been approved for the use of our 'VFW Logo' on our South Dakota License Plates starting January 1, 2023. If you would like to purchase a logo, please contact Anna at the Department office. Email anna@vfwdeptsd.com or 605-332-7441. Each sticker is \$10.00.

This is what the sticker looks like:



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Sticker goes here



\$10.00 per sticker

Send check to Department office at:
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57045

Would make a great Stocking Stuffer for Christmas

Any Comrade interested in placing their name in the nomination for any of these Offices should contact Department Headquarters.

HATS IN THE RING 2023-2024

- Commander - David Baumiller
- Senior Vice Commander - Glynis Collier
- Junior Vice Commander - Dr. Martin Christensen
- Quartermaster - Anna Arnold
- Chaplain - Russel Dramstad
- Judge Advocate - Robert Harrington
- Surgeon - Rick VandenHoek
- Inspector - Allan Ochsner



OFFICIAL:

Anna Arnold

Quartermaster / Adjutant
Department of South Dakota
VFW

BY ORDER OF:

Tom Hafner

Commander
Department of South Dakota
VFW



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**APRIL GENERAL ORDERS**

Posts and Districts are reminded that Election and Installation of Officers is to be conducted in April. **Election Reports should be submitted to National as soon as possible after the election.** Submitting your Election Report is vital to maintaining your Charter.

Officers elected at the Post level are the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster and Trustees. The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Chaplain, and Service Officer. The Post may elect, or the Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and/or Guard if required by Post Bylaws.

At the District level elected officers are the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, and Trustees. The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Service Officer, and Inspector. The District may elect or the District Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chief of Staff or Officer of the Day if required by the District Bylaws.

Posts are reminded to submit your Delegates and Delegate Fees for both the Department and National Conventions. Unfortunately, our Nationally sponsored Delegates to the National Convention were cut in half this year. You are still encouraged to attend; however, it will be at your expense. The Department Convention is scheduled for June 15-18 in Mitchell. Registration and Delegate information is included in these General Orders. Please consider attending as your input is important to the continued success of our Department.

District Commanders are reminded to schedule and complete your Posts Inspections in the very near future if you have not already done so.

The Department had a highly successful Legislative and Voice of Democracy trip to Washington DC. I had the honor of accompanying our Department Legislative Chairperson Barbara McKean, our National Council of Administration Member Rick Williamson and our Department Chaplain Russel Dramstad on visits to our South Dakota Congressmen. You can rest assured that the message of "Taking Care of Veterans" was well delivered by your delegation.

MEMBERSHIP REMAINS AT THE TOP OF OUR TO DO LIST. WE CURRENTLY HAVE NINETEEN (19) POSTS WHO NEED FIVE (5) OR LESS MEMBERS TO MEET THEIR QUOTA. CONTINUE TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN. THANK YOU.

As of this submission the Department stands at 98+% in membership and needs 111 members to reach our Quota. Again, retaining our Unpaid and Expired members is a top priority (as a Department we currently

have approximately 431 Unpaid members of which 216 are Expired on our roster). We cannot continue to lose members because of our complacency.

As of these General Orders we have nineteen (19) Quota Buster Posts (Lemmon-126.08%, Brandon-108.75%, Mitchell-108.44%, Marty-108.33%, Flandreau-107.69%, Newell-106.66%, Parkston-105.95%, Chamberlain-103.57%, Huron-103.22%, Quinn-103.03%, Belle Fourche-102.70%, Burke-102.53%, Custer-101.91%, Gettysburg-101.72%, Deadwood-101.59%, Rapid City-101.30%, Wagner-100.79%, Milbank-100.74% & Yankton-100.64%) and seven (7) Posts who have reached their Quota (Alcester, Beresford, Brookings, Eureka, Faith, Lake Andes & Plankinton). These Posts continue to lead from the front.

If you have Commander's/President's Raffle Tickets send the ticket stubs and monies to the Department Quartermaster as soon as possible. District Commanders please collect the above during your Spring Meeting/Convention. Also, please contact your Auxiliaries and remind them to get their tickets and monies turned in to the Department Quartermaster. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at the email or phone number (leave a message if no answer) listed below.

Tom Hafner

Commander

tbmhafner@santel.net // 605-661-2750





SD Legislative Committee Member General Order - April 2023

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Click Below for link to legislative bills:

<https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bills/68>



I traveled to D.C. with South Dakota's Department Commander COA member Rick Williamson and Past Dept Commander and Legislative member Russel Dramstad from March 5-9, 2023 as one of about 400 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and our Auxiliary to participate in the Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners and to attend our National Commander, Tim Borland's testimony before a special joint hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. I also had scheduled appointments with the Congressmen from the great state of South Dakota, Senator Thune, Senator Rounds and Representative Johnson. There were a total of four in attendance from South Dakota.

Tom Hafner,

The VFW Talking Points for National Legislative Issues is attached.



VFW Talking Points
- March 2023.pdf

We advocated for veterans rights and helped press forward the VFWs legislative priorities for the rights and benefits of our veterans, service members and their family members. We specifically discussed the VFW's top priorities for 2023 to include:

- Concurrent Receipt/Passing the Major Richard Star Act.
- Predatory Claims/Passing the Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act, known as the GUARD VA Benefits Act.
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) increase for surviving dependents.
- Economic opportunity's role in preventing suicide.
- Improved transition of service members to civilian life.
- Recognition of NATO defense for service members deployed to eastern Europe.



v/r,
Barbara McKean
National Legislative Representative - South Dakota

South Dakota Legislative Bill Update

Click Below for Legislative Calendar:

<https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/documents/236418.pdf>

Click Below for Session Bills:

<https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bills/68>

SENATE BILLS

SB 12: Purpose: authorize the construction of a National Guard vehicle maintenance shop in Watertown, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

SB 13: Purpose: authorize the construction of an addition to the BG Dean Mann Readiness Center in Sioux Falls, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

SB 14: Purpose: revise the legal description for the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls, make an additional appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

SB 15: Purpose: to accept Uniformed Services ID as proof of veteran status to have veteran designation added to a state license or ID card.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

SB 127: Purpose: Revise the eligible disability level for Veterans to receive state park benefits.

- Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day

SB 141: Purpose: Clarify and modernize cremation requirements and procedures.

- Mar 8 Delivered to the Governor

SB 186: Purpose: Provide free tuition for a resident whose parent died while on active duty in the US Armed Forces.

- Feb 13 Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Tabled

SB 190: Purpose: designate a portion of U.S. Highway 83 as Sicangu Lakota Code Talker Highway.

- Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day

SB 196: Purpose: provide for the study of long-term care services and to provide an appropriation therefor.

- Feb 21 Senate Tabled

SB 203: Purpose: appropriate money for the ordinary expenses of the legislative, judicial, and executive departments of the state, the current expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools.

- Mar 9 Joint Committee on Appropriations Tabled

SENATE COMMEMORATIONS

SC 801: Purpose: Honoring the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Singing Legionnaires of American Legion Post 15 in SF.

- Jan 19 Enrolled

SC 809: Purpose: Commending and honoring those members of the United States Armed Forces who have been stationed in South Korea on the seventieth anniversary of the armistice which ended the fighting

- Feb 16 Enrolled

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1024: Purpose: make an appropriation for the construction of a maintenance shop for the Wildland Fire Suppression Division in Hot Springs and to declare an emergency.

- Mar 27 Signed by the Governor

HB 1037: Purpose: amend the eligibility for admission to the state veterans' home and repeal the residency requirement.

- Feb 1 Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day

HB 1038: Purpose: revise certain provisions pertaining to Department of VA & residency in the State Veterans Home.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

HB 1039: Purpose: to revise certain provisions regarding the payment of tuition for members of the South Dakota National Guard.

- Mar 27 Signed by the Governor

HB 1045: Purpose: to increase the basic salary schedule for county veterans' service officers.

- Mar 27 Signed by the Governor

HB 1046: Purpose: to provide free tuition at Board of Technical Education institutions for children or spouses of members of the South Dakota National Guard disabled or deceased in the line of duty.

- Mar 2 Signed by the Governor

HB 1047: Purpose: revise certain provisions regarding military affairs.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

HB 1048: Purpose: repeal and make technical changes to provisions regarding the Board of Military Affairs.

- Feb 22 Signed by the Governor

HB 1049: Purpose: revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2023.

- Mar 27 Signed by the Governor

HB 1051: Purpose: require counties to hire veteran service officers in proportion to the number of veterans residing in the county.

- Jan 23 Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day

HB 1052: Purpose: change the eligibility requirements of a property tax relief program for disabled veterans and surviving spouses.

- **Jan 19 Deferred to the 41st legislative day**

HB 1054: Purpose: provide a stipend for the erection of a private headstone for a deceased veteran.

- **Feb 22 Signed by the Governor**

HB 1065: Purpose: increase the maximum amount of dollars payable by the state to erect the headstone of a deceased veteran.

- **Mar 27 Signed by the Governor**

HB 1130: Purpose: require an official declaration of war or other Congressional action before the South Dakota National Guard may be deployed outside of the state.

- **Jan 30 Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day**

HB 1152: Purpose: Provide oversight regarding the exercise of gubernatorial emergency powers.

- **Feb 3 House State Affairs Tabled**

HB 1190: Purpose: make an appropriation to provide a grant for the construction of a military heritage museum in Sioux Falls and declare an emergency.

- **Feb 23 Joint Committee on Appropriations Tabled**

HB 1196: Purpose: make an appropriation for improving the buildings and grounds of the capitol complex a declare an emergency

- **Mar 9 Signed by the Governor**

HB 1216: Purpose: establish and revise requirements related to visitation policies and procedures for certain facilities.

- **Feb 16 Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day**

HOUSE COMMEMORATIONS

HC 8001: Purpose: Honoring E. Royce Williams for his life, achievement, and heroism as he is awarded the Navy Cross.

- **Jan 20 Enrolled**

HC 8005: Purpose: Commending the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing for being awarded the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque, the William W. Spruance Safety Award, the Winston P. Wilson Trophy, and the Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy in training year 2022

- **Feb 2 Enrolled**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HCR 6003: Purpose: encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislature to authorize the interim legislative study of long-term care services for veterans regardless of disability ratings and to develop long-term care plans for VA-operated purchased and subsidized long-term care services.

- **Feb 13 Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day**

Greetings Comrades,

With the cover on the April issue of the VFW Magazine, I thought I would give an update on where we are sitting with the PACT Act. Overall, VFW Service Officers have helped Veterans claim \$11.2 Billion Dollars across the US.

Let's look at the numbers as they relate to South Dakota. When looking at PACT Act Claims only, the state has processed 738 claims and there are currently 1,125 claims pending. Veterans have received \$3.521 Million Dollars so far. When looking at Blue Water Claims, 832 claims have been processed and 132 claims are still pending. Blue Water Veterans claims are at \$10.2 Million Dollars. Excellent work on everyone's part but we need to keep diligent on getting the word out to all the Veterans that may still be eligible for benefits.

On the 20th Anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, make sure we are reaching out to our brothers and sisters and doing our buddy checks. Mental health is an on-going battle that can have good days and bad days. Nobody should fight the battle alone.

Respectfully,

David Huntimer

Department Service Officer

Email: David.huntimer@state.sd.us

Cell: 605-400-9005





Department of South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary

Convention Registration
June 15-18, 2023

Please use one form for each individual registration

Registration will be \$125 per member prior to May 15, 2022, and \$150 after
Individual banquet tickets will be sold to non-members for \$40.

Name Badges will be required for Buffets, Hospitality Nights, and Banquet. Events will be held at the 4-H
Fairgrounds at 3200 West Havens Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota
Hospitality Night will be held at the Mitchell Post #2750 at 215 N Main St.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership: Post #: _____ Auxiliary #: _____ Post Location: _____

Gluten free option: []

Make checks payable to:

Department of South Dakota VFW
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Or use QR code



****No refunds given after June 14, 2023****

Table with 2 columns: Description (Convention Registration, Non-Member Banquet, Non-Member Name) and Price/Total Paid (\$125, \$40, _____)

Grand Total to be sent to Department \$ _____



Lodging for Convention

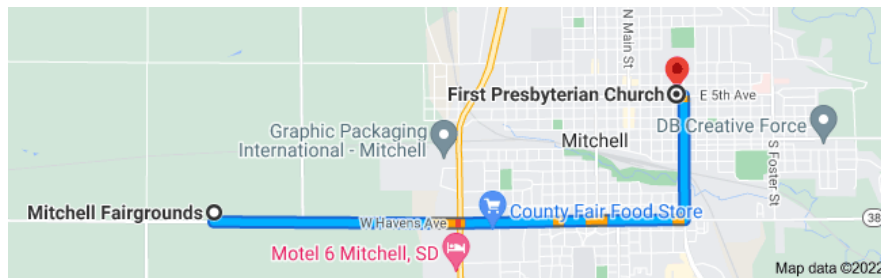
June 15-18, 2022

- Kelly Inn & Suites (Headquarters) - \$139/night 605-995-0500
 1010 Cabela Dr. Mitchell, SD 57301

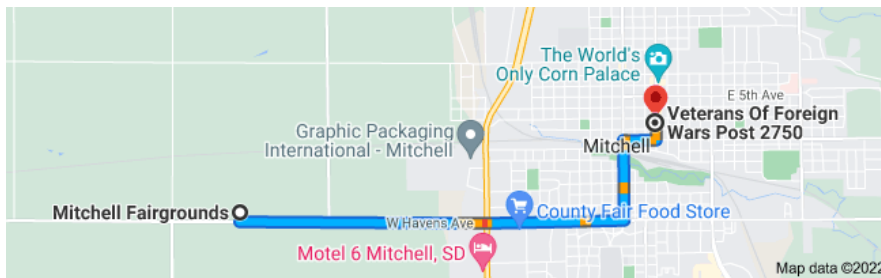
Kelly Inn & suites to 4-H Fairgrounds



4-H Fairgrounds to First Presbyterian Church 500 E 5th St



4-H Fairgrounds to



Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY NIGHT



Friday June 16, 2022
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Food and Cash Bar

**VFW Post #2750
315 N Main St
Mitchell, SD 57301**



Convention Badges Required

Cost \$100.00 per Candidate

Send Payment to:
Department of South Dakota VFW
1600 W Russell St. Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Candidate Name: _____

For the Office of: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____

For further information, contact Anna Arnold at 605-332-7441 or anna@vfwdeptsd.com

**Department of South Dakota**

1600 W Russell St, Ste 135

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

605-332-7441

Email: anna@vfwdeptsd.com

To: Post Commanders and Quartermasters

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a Post Credential Registration Sheet to register your Post's **Delegates** and to register your Post's **Alternates** to the 93rd Annual Convention of the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars to be held June 15-18, 2023, at Mitchell, South Dakota. According to **National Bylaws Section 222 (a)** *the Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing. The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.*

Also enclosed is a Delegate fee form. According to **Department Bylaws Article 5: Conventions, Section 6** a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) is required by the Department for each Delegate. Voting strength of each Post is the member who are in good standing at the time of the election. Each Post shall remit fees for any members from their Post who are qualified to receive a vote according to National Bylaws Section 504 Governing Body; Composition and Section 521 Voting. This would be Post members who are serving as a member of the current Department Council of Administration, current National Council of Administration, serving as a Post Commander within the Department and any Past State Commander. Any Post member possessing more than one qualification for voting at the Department Convention shall have no more than one vote.

The Delegate Credential Sheet and Delegate Fee Form **must** be filled out and sent to State Headquarters by June 1, 2023. For example, if your Post is allowed 10 Delegates and only two attend the Convention, the two who do attend the State Convention shall be entitled to vote the full Delegate strength to which the Post is entitled.

Please remember to have your Post Delegate Registration Sheet and your Delegate Fee Form and payment sent to the State Office by June 1, 2023.

Yours in Comradeship,

Anna Arnold
Department of South Dakota VFW
Adjutant / Quartermaster
605-332-7441 (office)
anna@vfwdeptsd.com

Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars Delegate Fee Form

This form is to be completed by a Post officer and must be in the hands of the Department Quartermaster no later than 15 days before the convening of the State Convention (June 1, 2023)

POST #: _____ CITY POST IS LOCATED: _____

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: _____ AS OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION

The voting strength of your Post will be according to the **National Bylaws Section: 222 Delegates, District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions**, the Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure. The Delegate Registration Fee shall be forwarded by every Post regardless of the number of Delegates present at the Annual Department Convention and must be in the hands of the Department Quartermaster not later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of the Department Convention (June 15-18, 2023). Posts failing to forward the full Delegate Registration Fee shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.

Department Bylaws Article 5: Conventions, Sections 6, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) is required by the Department for each voting Delegate. Voting strength of each Post that has registered Delegates at the Convention shall be based on the Post Membership in good standing at the time of the Election. Each Post should also remit any members from their Post who is serving as a member of the current Council of Administration and for any Past State Commander from their Post.

Post Commander _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Membership Total _____ Divided by 30 = _____

Number of Post Delegates _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Current Members of Council of Administration who are members of the Post. (Registration and Fee Form)

Name _____ Office Title _____

Name _____ Office Title _____

Name _____ Office Title _____

Total State Officers _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Past State Commanders who are members of your Post. (Registration and Fee Form)

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Total Past State Commanders _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Remitted \$ _____

*****If you have a member who is a Past State Commander AND a member of the Current Council of Administration, please list the member ONLY once for ONE Delegate fee payment******

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
DELEGATES**

The Comrades listed below are the Delegates for Post # _____ located at _____, South Dakota for the 93rd Annual Convention of the State of South Dakota. Make sure you have listed a Post member who may qualify as a voting member of Convention as a member of the Council of Administration or as a Past State Commander. This will allow them to pass their vote to the Post if they choose to do so.

List of members who will be registered as Delegates at the Convention:

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 11. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ | 30. _____ |

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
ALTERNATES**

List of members who will be registered as Alternates at the Convention:

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ | 30. _____ |

Send to the Department at 1600 W Russell St, Ste 135, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 OR email anna@vfwdeptsd.com



Department of South Dakota

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605-332-7441

Email: anna@vfwdeptsd.com

Greetings,

The South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary are pleased to announce that the annual VFW & Auxiliary Department Convention will be held in Mitchell, SD June 15-18, 2023.

Our **VFW State Commander, Tom Hafner**, belongs to Hutchinson County VFW Post #3298 in Parkston. **Auxiliary President, Patti Mitchell**, belongs to John M Bliss VFW Post #628 Auxiliary in Sioux Falls.

Proud to have served overseas in combat area, South Dakota VFW Veterans and their families are excited about offering your business an opportunity to help sponsor this event. The 2023 meeting is anticipated to bring an estimated 150+ visitors to the Mitchell area.

We are looking for area businesses who support Veterans by offering the opportunity to sponsor this event in Mitchell, SD.

- Sponsorship of Friday, June 16, 2023:
 - Hospitality Night at Mitchell VFW Post #2750:
 - \$500.00 and includes a full-page color advertisement in the convention booklet along with a vendor booth at the Convention site (4-H Fairgrounds)
- Sponsorship of Convention lunches:
 - Thursday, Friday or Saturday June 15-18, 2023, lunches:
 - \$300.00 and includes a 1/2 page color advertisement in the convention booklet.
- Sponsorship of meeting breaks:
 - Thursday, Friday or Saturday June 15-18, 2023, meeting breaks:
 - \$200.00 and includes a 1/4 page color advertisement in the convention booklet.

❖ **Convention Program Book size is 8 1/2" X 11"** - Book ad rates are as follows:

<u>PAGE SIZE</u>	<u>B&W RATE</u>	<u>COLOR RATE</u>
Full Page	\$150.00 B&W	\$200.00
1/2 Page (8" X 5 1/8")	\$ 75.00 B&W	\$125.00
1/4 Page (3 3/4" X 5 1/8")	\$ 50.00 B&W	\$ 80.00
Business Card	\$ 35.00 B&W	\$ 45.00

****Ads should be formatted as JPEG or into a Microsoft word document to meet printer's request. The ads should be sent electronically via email. Program book questions & ads, contact Anna Arnold, Quartermaster and Adjutant. Email ads to anna@vfwdeptsd.com***

Deadline for ads for Conference Program Book is May 30, 2023, at 4:00 pm CST.

We are also offering the opportunity for businesses to supply promotional material by June 7th, 2023, to be placed in the conference welcome bags for attendees. Please contact Anna at anna@vfwdeptsd.com for more information.

Want to rent a booth at the 4-H Grounds (3200 W Havens Ave. Mitchell, SD) during this convention?

**Cost is only \$100.00
Booth is an 8' rectangle table**

Booth space is first come, first serve. Limited space available

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Dr. Marty Christensen - 605-933-2220; mchristensen@santel.net
Anna Arnold - 605-332-7441; anna@vfwdeptsd.com

Mail all payment to:
Department of South Dakota VFW
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

OR

Go to the link or QR Code to send payment.

<https://www.trailblz.info/southdakotamilitaryheritagealliance/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=8>

